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SUBJECT: UN SECRETARY GENERAL ELECTION

1. IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS OCTOBER 28, PAK FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN US POSITION ON ELECTION OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL. HE QUESTIONED US PARTICULARLY ABOUT US ATTITUDES TOWARD POSSIBLE CANDIDACY OF SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE, NOTING THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT US MIGHT USE ITS VETO AGAINST SRI LANKAN. HE ADDED THAT SRI LANKA HAD NOT APPROACHED GOP FOR SUPPORT OF AMERASINGHE'S CANDIDACY. EMBOFFS SAID THEY WERE NOT INFORMED ABOUT LATEST US THINKING ON ELECTION AND HAD SEEN NOTHING TO SUPPORT SHAHI'S SURMISE THAT US WOULD OPPOSE AMERASINGHE IF HE BECAME AN ACTIVE CANDIDATE.

2. DISCUSSING WALDHEIM'S CANDIDACY, SHAHI RECALLED THAT THE PAKS AND CHINESE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH AT THE TIME HE WAS FIRST ELECTED. HE SAID CHINESE HAD NOT BEEN HAPPY WITH HIS CANDIDACY THEN, AND WERE ADOPTING A CAUTIOUS APPROACH TOWARD HIS BID FOR REELECTION. ACCORDING TO SHAHI, THE CHINESE WOULD BE PLEASED IF A CONSENSUS DEVELOPED BEHIND A THIRD WORLD CANDIDATE. SHAHI DID NOT SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHINESE WOULD VETO WALDHEIM.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT
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